



PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday, January 21, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.  
Seven Springs Golf & Country Club, New Port Richey, FL

The Board Meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Bill McLaughlin, P.P. (President).

**Attendees:**

Bill McLaughlin, P.P. (President & Reunion Coordinator), Carl Orvis (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Laura Kosik (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Penny Canamas (Director), Mikey Young (Director), Margaret McLaughlin (Director–At-Large), Elaine Lewis, P.P. (Past President), Ted Kaufer (Sergeant-at-Arms), Bill Lane (Chaplain), Betty LeDoux & Cheryl Williams (Reunion Hotel Chairpersons), Anna Hertrich (Office Assistant) and Kathy Malin (Office Manager)

**Attendees by Telephone:** Bosco Hoyte (Director), Jacque Vowell (Editor), and Ray Husum (ByLaws)

Bill welcomed all and asked if everyone had read the October 22, 2022, minutes. Elaine Lewis made a motion to approve the October Executive Board meeting minutes, Carl Orvis seconded, and the motion carried.

Laura Kosik approved of the 5 new members, Elaine seconded, and the motion carried. Carl Orvis spoke about the PCS FaceBook page. The administrators are denying people that are not members.

Board reviewed the Check Detail. Elaine motioned to approve paying the bills, Carl seconded, and the motion carried.

Bill stated the December *Canal Record* looked great. A discussion ensued on the 2023 decal for the March book. Board members would like to see the mola decal with an animal – iguana or sloth. The Board is still looking for a Legislature Reporter, Treasurer, and a person to pose as the Zonie. Legislature is needed to inform members about Federal laws along with the latest retiree and Social Security information. Members that were suggested were: Jim Duffus, John Disharoon, David Dahlstrom and Debbie Egolf Lane. Lori Disharoon was suggested for Treasurer and Shirley Avery-Bentley was suggested for Zonie.

Bill and Kathy suggested awarding Noreen Hanson with an Honorary Membership for her many years of being the PCS Treasurer and as a current volunteer assisting with the financials, Elaine moved the motion and Penny Canamas seconded, and the motion carried.

Kathy Malin has been working on the new website. After GoDaddy promised they could duplicate our forms and after Bosco Hoyte and Chris Wilder spoke to GoDaddy, they could not complete the Submit Button because of the credit cards compliance issues. Dane Richardson, a new member who attended the Christmas luncheon, stepped up and re-created the website during the Christmas holidays and explained the new laws and PCI compliance regulations with the internet. At this time, we cannot produce the Submit button, but we will be able to fix that in August. Bill suggested we give Dane a Governors Club membership at the Reunion for his contributions and assistance with the new website. Carl moved the motion that the Society awards Dane Richardson a Governors Club membership and is to be presented at the Reunion, Elaine seconded, and the motion carried.

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Ray Husum explained that the investment voting results by the members were to purchase CDs for our investments. The Board discussed CD investments but wanted to leave a percentage of cash on hand. Kathy found that the PCS bank, Truist, had CDs at 4.25% for a year if over \$100K is invested. With Bill Lane's financial advice, Carl motioned that the Society put \$150K in a one-year CD, \$101K in a 3-month CD to rollover and leave \$49K in the money market, Elaine seconded, and the motion carried. [When Kathy went to the bank, the manager apologized and stated the 4.25% was the rate only for over \$100K invested for 1 year or more. Bank Manager was able to increase our money market from .1% to 3.5% APY. On January 26, Kathy moved \$150K into a one-year CD at 4.25% and left \$150K in the money market at 3.5%.] Betty LeDoux suggested that Bill send Dennis Gilbert a note about our investments. Jacque will place a blurb in the March *Canal Record*.

### Reunion Reports:

- Bill reviewed the Yellow Pages and each Chairperson's responsibilities.
- Betty stated there are no poolside cabanas available on Saturday.
- Bill reviewed the event plan and logistics:
  - Placement of signage is essential.
  - Everyone review the floor plan for your activity and let Bill know of any changes.
  - Dances –
    - Thursday band needs to pay ½ the electricity bill for Thursday night.
    - DJ – need insurance certificate (COI) and his contract signed.
    - Friday night band needs COI and contract signed. Their electric should cost between \$250-\$300.
    - Send Carl a sample of a COI. DJ is \$125 an hour.
- Sponsors are needed to support PCS reunion events.
  - Tom Ellis and Howler Monkey sponsors the pool party.
  - Kathy Egolf is helping to sponsor the annual luncheon.
  - Kathy will send out emails to past sponsors.
- Board decided no gift for the luncheon attendees to keep costs down.
- Security is still needed.
- David Wright still wants to be the photographer. The board agreed to continue with David's services.
- Golf course is trying to schedule another tournament right after ours on Thursday. They want us to limit our players to 72. We had close to 90 last year. Betty will work on bumping up the number of players.
- Nancy Van Siclen's Celebration of Life is being planned for Friday after the Cultural Seminar by Betty and Nancy's sister. Betty asked about a Zoom call so her sister can be on it and will need a projector for a presentation. Wi-Fi will be needed for the Zoom call.

### New Business:

Jacque Vowell reported that Terri Stanley Truett from BHS 72 volunteered to be the Southern California reporter. The Board approved Terri Stanley Truett as reporter for Southern California.

Ray Husum reported on the Amendments 43 & 44 passing and to be posted in the March *Canal Record*.

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Kathy asked if the Board still wants to have the September luncheon at the Der Dutchman in Sarasota or possibly move back to Ocala. Everyone agreed they like the Der Dutchman. Columbia restaurant in Ybor City has a room open on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and could host our Christmas luncheon. The Board agreed to move the Christmas luncheon from St Pete Yacht Club to Columbia in Ybor City. Kathy will notify the Henter's.

Kathy discussed the P&L financials by comparing the last 3 years. We are in the red for 2022 by \$42K; if we didn't receive a donation in 2021 for \$10K, we would have been in the red by \$15K and in 2020, we were in the red by \$13,695. Two of the main reasons is the (1) paper for printing of the *Canal Record* went up \$9K from 2021 to 2022 and (2) rent has risen in the last 2 years. We had a great deal at Sun Lake offices, now we are back to the normal rental rates like we had in Seminole.

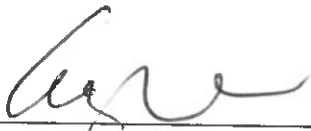
The Board then discussed raising the membership fees from \$40 to \$50 in 2024, but not Governors Club. The membership fees have not been raised since 2009 when it was raised from \$30 to \$40. Bill pointed out in the ByLaws, it states under Article III – Membership and Dues, Sec.3. F.1. that "...A member who purchases a five (5) year (Non-Refundable) membership based on the annual fee set forth in Article III, Section 5. D..." Ray stated we would have to change that ByLaws if the Board wants the Governors Club fee to stay the same. Ray will put together 2 new Amendments for the March *Canal Record*.

Kathy mentioned, a member stated that Kelly Park West has tournaments on weekends and the parking lot fills up. Kathy will call the Brevard County Parks next week and change our pavilion back to Kelly Park East.

Elaine motioned to adjourned Board meeting at 12:05, Penny seconded, and motion passed.

**Upcoming Events:**

PCS Space Coast picnic is February 25<sup>th</sup>  
Next Board Meeting is March 25<sup>th</sup>  
PCS/UF Luncheon is April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
PCS FL Spring Picnic is May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Last Board Meeting before Reunion is June 10<sup>th</sup>  
Reunion is July 5-9<sup>th</sup>



Bill McLaughlin, President



Kathy Malin, Office Manager